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Legal Beagle's Blog

The World at Your Finger Tips: International Law Research at the RWU Law Library

Posted by Library Blog on 04/04/2012 at 02:01 PM

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Tune In: Top Legal Podcasts

Posted by Library Blog on 04/13/2012 at 04:04 PM

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Here are some [recommended legal podcasts by Legal Productivity](#) described in its November 15, 2011 blog post.

An award-winning offering of the [LegalTalk Network](#) is [Lawyer2Lawyer](#). Hosted by [J. Craig Williams](#) and [Robert Ambrogi](#), their podcasts cover hot legal topics from all over the United States.

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[Law School Podcaster](#) has numerous podcasts for current law students on the law school experience (e.g. exams, networking). A full-text transcript accompanies each podcast.

[The RocketLawyer Podcast](#)'s host Charley Moore (Founder and Chairman of Rocket Lawyer, Inc.) discusses legal issues in the news and interviews legal experts about the law and their practice.

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Posted by Library Blog on 04/19/2012 at 03:43 PM

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Your Post-Graduate Job Search and Legal Research Needs: What Now? Part I

Posted by Library Blog on 04/27/2012 at 11:22 AM

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If you are staying in the area, use the RWU School of Law Library! While studying for the bar exam, you can check out books and reserve study rooms until the end of July. As an alum, you can continue to access the Law Library's databases from computers on the hexagons in the Law Library. If you are using wireless, the "Public" network will allow you to access the databases. Subject to some limitations, you also have [borrowing privileges](#). Note that interlibrary loan service is provided only to current students and faculty. If you need to obtain an item that is not in the Law Library, go to your local public library and ask the staff about obtaining the item via an interlibrary loan. While you are there, check out the resources available to you. You will be amazed at what your public library has to offer!

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